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come back with money to compensate the counties for their loss in inheritance taxes. But we also looked at the fact that the motor vehicle distribution tax was going to increase the income to counties in the aggregate of about \$14 million. Even though the Appropriations Committee has earmarked \$5.8 million of those dollars to go to the NRDs and to the community colleges, we know that there still is substantial income coming to the counties that could offset their losses. That's why, when we looked at it as a committee, we decided not to come back and compensate with state tax money that we would increase. And that's the interesting thing about the inheritance tax, the way the federal formula is set up, actually by cutting the income...or the inheritance tax amount, we actually increase the income to the state. And I certainly think that there are places that we could use those funds here at the state level. We've talked about Geneva and Kearney and the need that we have there, and certainly we have looked at our General Fund and said, where are we going to find these monies to appropriate? I wish we could go forward with this bill, because I think that that would be a worthy cause for this money. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Redfield. (Visitors introduced.) Senator Hartnett, on the committee amendments, to open. (See Standing Committee amendment, AM1376, on page 1578 of the Legislative Journal.)

SENATOR HARTNETT: All this amendment does...

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Wickersham, did you wish to do it, or Senator Hartnett?

SENATOR HARTNETT: You want to do it?

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Wickersham, to open.

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: This is a simple amendment, so I'll try to do that. And I'm here, this isn't a hologram. I made it in last night about eleven-thirty. Many of you have asked about that, and I'm...so I'm...we can use this, hopefully, as kind of a mass announcement, so you all...and I...the explanation is that indeed I did not turn on my alarm clock. I set it, but I didn't turn it on. You know, it's those...it's step one and